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ENGLISH 1091C

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Office Hours: MWF 1-2, 2-3
or by appointment.

- I. **TEXTS:** Time magazine
 Complements
 Harbrace College Handbook
 A college-level dictionary
 Notebook for Journal

II. **ASSIGNMENTS** (with appropriate grade % for each):

1. **Critical Papers:** 4 essays (2-3 pages) related to reading material, in-class writing, or journal writing. These papers should not be research exercises. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins to allow for comments. You must always hand in roughdrafts with finished essays or essays will not be accepted. A certain amount of rewriting will be necessary, but will depend on your individual need. (60%)
2. **Research Paper:** 1 paper (5 pages) on a general topic assigned then narrowed down to a topic of your choice. Topic, abstract, and bibliography are due on dates specified on calendar. The purpose of your papers will be to arrive at a judgment about your topic based on research findings. The purpose will extend beyond investigation of the issue to an attempt to persuade the reader of the validity of the point of view you adopt. It will be necessary for you to find some books and articles on the topic and to do some preliminary reading before the topic can be narrowed down and focused in a particular direction. This paper is basically an extended argument in which you express and develop a certain opinion on a certain topic by using information that you research. At least 2 books and 2 periodicals should be used as sources for your paper, as well as 2 interviews. Write a paper using your own words, and using quotes from sources to help develop and support your own ideas. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins. (20%)
3. **Journals:** A notebook you write in throughout the semester, 3 times a week, based on your reactions to what you read in Time or Complements. This should be a place where you explore ideas in response to readings, discussions, experiences. It is **not** a diary. At times in-class writing exercises will be assigned. Your journal will be collected 3 times during the semester and assigned one final grade. (20%)

III. **ATTENDANCE:** Without regular attendance you will miss the in-class writing assignments, discussions, and work groups. These are the sources for all of your papers. Since the members of your work group depend on you for critical feedback that helps them develop their papers and this in turn helps you develop editing skills, and since developing a sense of audience is part of what you will be learning in this class, your paper will be downgraded if you do not participate in the peer editing process of your group. In addition, having more than 4 unexcused absences will also result in your grade being lowered by one letter.

IV. **LATE WORK:** All assignments are due on the dates specified. If you cannot complete an assignment on time, you must see me **before** it is due.

V. **CONFERENCES:** These will be scheduled to discuss progress or problems in your writing. Conferences are mandatory. No one is excused.

VI. **FINAL NOTE:** If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disabilities Services (6583) as soon as possible.

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Course Calendar:

- Aug. 25 Introduction
27 In-class writing (freewriting); (Neruda essay)
29 Begin Journals (TIME); Journal exercise
- Sept. 1 Labor Day--No Class
3 Work Groups
5 Work Groups

8 Journal exercise; Complements 100, 109
10 Discuss Research Paper; VIDEO (writing groups)
12 Journal Exercise; Complements xix, 2, 19, 24, 27, 36, 169

15 **PAPER #1 DUE**; Begin Paper #2; Complements 86, 95
17 Work Groups
19 Work Groups; **JOURNALS DUE** (6 entries)

22 Conferences: **RESEARCH TOPICS DUE**
24 Conferences: **RESEARCH TOPICS DUE**
26 Conferences: **RESEARCH TOPICS DUE**
- Oct. 29 Work Groups
1 Work Groups
3 Discuss Bibliography; TIME--Journal Exercise/Handbook pp.391-490

6 Work Groups; **PAPER #2 DUE**; Begin Paper #3; Complements 410, 415
8 Work Groups
10 Work Groups

13 Work Groups
15 Journal exercise
17 Work Groups

20 **PAPER #3 DUE**; Begin Paper #4
22 Work Groups
24 **JOURNALS DUE** (6 entries)

27 Conferences: **RESEARCH TOPIC PARAGRAPH DUE & BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE**
29 Conferences: **RESEARCH TOPIC PARAGRAPH DUE & BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE**
31 Conferences: **RESEARCH TOPIC PARAGRAPH DUE & BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE**
- Nov. 3 Work Groups; Complements 403
5 Work Groups
7 Journal exercise

10 Work Groups
12 Work Groups
14 **PAPER #4 DUE**

17 Begin discussing research papers in groups
19 Work Groups
21 Work Groups

24 Thanksgiving Break
26 Thanksgiving Break
28 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1 Work Groups
3 Work Groups
5 **RESEARCH PAPER DUE & JOURNALS DUE** (6 entries)

8 Conferences
10 Conferences
12 Conferences